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MORTON FORCES PLATT TO RETREAT

Denial Through Lexow of
Further Legislation for
Greater New York.

Governor Tells the Machine He
Will Hold the Bill Until
After Adjournment.

At the First Sign of a Supplemental
Measure, He Adds, a Veto
May Be Expected.

BIG MEN FOR THE COMMISSION.

Among the Names Discussed Are Seth
Low, James C. Carter, Frederick
R. Coudert, J. S. Stranahan
and A. E. Orr.

Albany, April 24.—Governor Morton has
forced the Platt machine to retreat. There
will be no supplemental legislation for the
Greater New York this session. His firmness
has completely upset the plans of the
schemers to secure a partisan advantage
by means of bills that would put all the
patronage of the greater city completely in
their control.

There is no doubt whatever that the pro-
gramme framed by Mr. Platt and his as-
sociates implied all that the dispatches
have alleged. Even before the considera-
tion of the bill had passed the Senate over
the vetoes of the Mayors there was ample
proof of their intentions. One Democratic
Senator who stands high in the councils of
his party and who was inclined to favor
the measure decided to ask Senator Lexow
for some assurance that there would be
no attempt to rush the unproved supple-
mental bill through.

"I will be pleased to vote with you if I
can be assured of this action," he said,
"but not otherwise."

"I cannot give any assurances," replied
Senator Lexow. "I do not think you are
justified in asking for any."

LEXOW DENIES THE RUMORS.

This settled the matter at once and the
prospective vote was not cast. No sooner
had the bill passed through the Assembly
and been sent to the Governor than the
rumors of supplemental bills were revived
with greater strength than ever before.
The Governor's talk to the Platt leaders,
Senator Ellsworth, Speaker Fish and As-
semblyman O'Grady that the idea of a supple-
mental bill must be given up at
once was wired to Senator Lexow, who had
gone to New York to consult with Mr.
Platt in person, and as a result of getting
back to-day he took the earliest occasion
to announce that the rumors about supple-
mental bills were preposterous.

The Governor has told the machine legis-
lators further that he proposes to hold
the Greater New York bill till after ad-
journment. He intimated also there is
good reason to believe that if there is any
sign of a supplemental bill he will send
back the measure with a veto. This set-
tled the matter for the session beyond any
doubt, much to the chagrin of the plot-
ters. But they fled another tack immedi-
ately.

They are equally anxious to have several
machine men placed on the commission that
is to frame the charter for the greater city.
To make sure of this, they tried this morn-
ing to frighten the Governor with the as-
sertion that he must name the commission
before adjournment, so that the Senate
could confirm it. The Lexow bill requires
the confirmation of the commission by the
Senate, and Senator Stranahan and others
asserted their belief that none of the ap-
pointees could act unless they were confirmed.

MORTON SURE OF HIS GROUND.

The Public Officers law, the machine men
say, only allows the Governor to make ap-
pointments to fill vacancies during the re-
cess of the Senate, and the Lexow bill spe-
cially provided that the commission
shall be appointed "by and with the advice
and consent of the Senate." But Governor
Morton had taken legal advice on this point
and to-day assured the machine men that he
felt sure of his ability to appoint with the
certainty that the commission's acts
would be perfectly legal even if the Senate
at its next session rejected every one of
them.

It is almost certain now that the Gov-
ernor will not sign the bill before May.
He is going to take his own time about it
without any regard for the "advice" of in-
terested politicians. He is determined to
name only high-class men on the commis-
sion, believing that the framing of the
charter for Greater New York is a matter
of transcendent importance. Some of the
Senators do not take as high an idea of
the matter as the Governor, and are already
suggesting to him names that might do
well for places on a fair game commis-
sion or other purely partisan body.

Some important persons have actually
written to the Governor stating that they
think they would like to go on the commis-
sion. These suggestions are being received
with the silent contempt of the executive
chamber.

Among those whose names are talked of
here as likely to be considered by the Gov-
ernor are Seth Low, James C. Carter, Fre-
derick R. Coudert, J. S. Stranahan and Alex-
ander E. Orr. From the prominence of
these gentlemen it is easily seen that the
Governor proposes at present to give the
preparations of the charter into only first-
class hands, and that none but the very
best men in the community will be con-
sidered by him.

LAUTERBACH WANTS ALL.

Rumors Here of a Conference to Call for
the Passage of More Greater
New York Bills.

Fifth Avenue Hotel Republican politicians
do not take any stock in the reports from
Albany that Platt has been compelled to
abandon his original plans to own all of
Greater New York.

It was learned last night upon the high-

est authority that it has not been de-
cided by the Republican machine leaders
to adjourn the Legislature next Thursday
in accordance with the resolution passed
by both houses a few weeks ago. This and
the question of supplementary legislation
in reference to Greater New York will be
discussed at a conference to be held to-
morrow at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

At this gathering Edward Lauterbach,
chairman of the Republican County Com-
mittee, will advance several reasons for
supplementary legislation providing for the
consolidation of the departments of Police,
Fire, Health and Public Works in the ter-
ritory included in the greater city. Should
this programme be carried out, which
seems probable, the Legislature will not
be able to adjourn until some time next
month, and possibly not until the first of
June. The leaders will call a caucus upon
all bills of this nature, in order to insure
a full party vote and evade a possibility
of defeat.

Governor Morton is understood to be op-
posed to the Legislature adjourning on
Thursday and then calling a special session
to pass supplementary bills. In other
words, whatever is to be done must be at
this session, although a recess may be
taken for two weeks.

The Republican leaders repudiate the as-
sertion made by Leader O'Grady in the
Assembly that there would be no attempt
made to pass any bills consolidating de-
partments. They say that Mr. O'Grady
spoke without any authority, and did not
voice the sentiment of the organization.

Governor Morton arrived in town late
last night, and immediately went to the
Hotel Renaissance. He is expected to at-
tend the unveiling of the Grant statue in
Brooklyn to-day and will probably see Mr.
Platt before returning to Albany.

Chairman Charles W. Hackett went to
Utica yesterday to spend Sunday, and will
not be present at to-morrow's meeting.

Now that Greater New York seems as-
sured, the question of greatest interest to
all concerned in the consolidation is as to
the composition and make-up of the Com-
mission that is to draw up the charter for
the big municipality. The bill just passed
by the Legislature appoints six members
of the Commission—the Mayors of New
York, Brooklyn and Long Island City; the
Attorney-General, State Engineer, and
Andrew H. Green, the father of the con-
solidation. As the Commission is to have
fifteen members, the appointment of nine
of them has been left to the Governor.

The opinions of some members of the
Commission, and of other interested citi-
zens as to desirable members of the Com-
mission, are given in the following inter-
views:

FATHER OF THE MEASURE.

Andrew H. Green, President of the Greater
New York Commission: I am still confident
that Governor Morton will sign the bill, and
that he will make selections when he
names the nine Commissioners to act with
the present Commissioners in the preparation
of a charter for the consolidated cities. The
new Commissioners should be representative
citizens of the territory embraced by the
Greater New York, and I have no doubt that
Governor Morton will exercise great care in
making his selections.

COMMON SENSE WANTED.

Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower: Gov-
ernor Morton should nominate Commis-
sioners who are free of all political entangle-
ments. They should also be disinterested citi-
zens—that is, citizens who will have no
axes to grind and who will not tinker up
a charter. The Commission should be made
up of practical, common sense business men
and professional men, who have the confi-
dence of the people. I have been a strong
advocate of the Greater New York, and I
hope to live to see the splendid city a real-
ity. And the charter for the second greatest
city in the world should be a home rule char-
ter, the simpler the better. We should have
our own municipal Legislature, consisting of
a Common Council, with two branches—one
elected at large and the other elected by
district constituencies.

ONLY MEN OF EXPERIENCE.

William B. Grace: I am opposed to the
Greater New York bill, and in my opinion
its becoming a law will prove detrimental to
the interests of this city. It will only
benefit the outlying towns and farms scooped
up. However, if we are to have the consoli-
dated city, the Commissioners who are to
fix up a charter for its government should
be citizens who have had experience, and
who are acquainted with our laws, our govern-
ment and public affairs. They should not
be theorists and sentimentalists. How to
govern this city will be a problem hard
to solve, and the very best men should
be selected to grapple with the important
undertaking. Among the persons I would sug-
gest for Commissioners are Corporation Coun-
cil Francis M. Scott, St. Clair McKelway, ex-
Collector Joel B. Eliant, James C. Carter,
Herman Kilder and ex-School Commissioner
Henry L. Sprague.

STRAIGHT NON-PARTISAN.

Ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant: While I have
not favored the Greater New York bill, I will
say that the charter for the proposed new
city should be prepared by an able and thor-
oughly non-partisan Commission. The mem-
bers of the Commission should be selected for
their experience in all matters pertaining to
the management of a consolidated city.

THE VERY BEST POSSIBLE.

Franklin Edson: There ought to be among
the Commissioners something of good, in-
telligent, practical business men, and of
men who have had some experience in public
affairs. In fact, we should get the very best
Commissioners that it is possible to obtain.
It certainly ought to be non-partisan. As to
suggesting names of men who would be fit
to serve, I do not care to do so, as I have
not given the subject much thought in that
way.

SOME ASPERITY HERE.

Ex-Mayor Edward Cooper: I don't be-
lieve in Greater New York, and that is all I
care to say on the subject.

JUST A LITTLE POLITICS.

Patrick J. Gleason, of Long Island City:
I think the nine Commissioners who are to
be appointed by Governor Morton should be
selected mainly from among our business and
professional men. They should all be rep-
resentative men. Among nine members to be
appointed there should be at least three
representative business men and the same
number of lawyers. Politics should also be
considered, and the Commission should be
pretty equally divided as a whole. Of course
the commission will have a majority of Re-
publicans, but in selecting the members I
think other than political qualifications should

FATE OF TWO WOMEN AT BURGLARS' HANDS.

Cocking's Wife and Niece
Killed While He Was
Bound in the Cellar.

Terrible Tragedy Enacted by
Ruffians in a Little Mary-
land Settlement.

Crowbar Used by the Desperate In-
truders to Crush Their
Victims' Heads.

ON THE TRAIL OF THE FUGITIVES.

Armed Citizens Determined to Lynch Them
the Moment They Are Caught—Bal-
timore and Washington
Police Notified.

La Plata, Md., April 24.—On the trail of
murderers more than one hundred armed
citizens of Charles County are riding to-day
prepared to lynch them the moment they are
caught.

How many fugitives there are is not yet
known. All that is certain is that they are
the perpetrators of a crime that may be
fearedly avenged.

The scene of the tragedy was Cocking's,
a little settlement near Hill Top, which is
eight miles from here. Joseph Cocking
keeps the country store there and above
it lived with his wife and her niece, Miss
Daisy Miller. He is prosperous and was in
the habit of keeping considerable sums of
money in his safe.

Early this morning some of his neighbors
noticed that the store was not opened at
the usual time, and when, after a couple of
hours, no sign of life was visible in either
store or house, they made an investigation.
No response was made to their knocks, and
the door was broken open.

SIGNS OF A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE

On the upper floor were found the dead
bodies of Mrs. Cocking and her niece.
About them were evidences of a terrible
struggle. Bureau drawers and trunks were
open and their contents scattered over the
floor.

The women had been brutally murdered.
Death had followed blows on their skulls,
dealt with some blunt instrument, the
doctors believe a crowbar.

A hurried search for the husband fol-
lowed, and he was found bound, gagged and
unconscious in the cellar. His head also
bore marks of the blunt instrument.

It was several hours before he recovered
consciousness, and was able to tell his
story. He said that late last night he was
awakened by a noise in the store. He
went downstairs unarmed and was struck
down from behind.

HEARD HIS WIFE ATTACKED.

Then the burglars picked him up and
carried him down into the cellar, where
they securely bound him. To their demand
to know where his money was kept he was
silent until they threatened his life. Then
he weakened and told them that all he had
was in the store safe.

Before they left him they forced a gag
into his mouth to prevent him from giving
the alarm. He heard them go upstairs and
a moment later the screams of his wife
and niece told him that they, too, had been
attacked, but he was powerless to aid them.

The description that he was able to give
of the burglars was very vague. A search
of the store showed that they had failed to
get the money, and it is thought that they
were frightened away.

DR. DEPEW NOT TO MARRY

The Rumor Was Revived Yesterday by
the Story of a Pacific Coast City-
man's Curious Prophecy.

The old rumor that Dr. Chauncey M.
Depew is engaged to be married to Miss
Collins was revived yesterday, only to be
contradicted by Mr. Depew.

"There is absolutely nothing in the
story," he said, "absolutely nothing. I
am not going to be married. I suppose the
story was started by something I said at a
dinner the other night. I was telling
about my trip to the Pacific coast and said
that while visiting a Joss house in San
Francisco, a Chinaman prophesied I would
be married within a year. That is the
only way I can account for the report."

BELIEVE A WOMAN EXPLODED THE BOMB.

Police Find a Clue to the At-
tack Upon Mayor Albee,
of Westville.

Heavily Veiled Female Seen
Near the House Just Be-
fore the Outrage.

Carried a Mysterious Package Which
She Did Not Have Later in
the Night.

TRACE OF HER LOST IN NEW HAVEN.

Officials of the Winchester Arms Company
Unable to Suggest Any Motive
Connecting Them With the
Attempted Murder.

New Haven, April 24.—The efforts of the
police to solve the mystery of last night's
dynamite explosion in Westville, by which
the lives of Mayor George E. Albee and his
family were nearly lost, have developed
some curious facts, but have not yet dis-
closed the identity of the perpetrator of
the outrage. The mystery of the case has
been accentuated, apparently, by the dis-
covery that a strange woman was in the
vicinity of Mayor Albee's house at the time
of the explosion and acted in such a man-
ner as to arouse the suspicions of several
persons who saw her.

In running down this clue Police Captain
Brewer and Detective Gibson learned to-
day that the woman had gone from New
Haven to Westville on the Edgewood ave-
nue line in Conductor Grover's car. When
she left the car she inquired where the
De Ruste family, near neighbors of Mayor
Albee, lived. She carried a small package,
corresponding in shape and size to the
dynamite cartridge supposed to have been
used. On the street she met a boy named
William Smith, of whom she made the
same inquiry. The Smith boy and the
De Ruste family both say she did not call
at the house, but passed it in the direc-
tion of Mayor Albee's residence.

Just after the explosion the same woman
boarded the car of Conductor Grover on its
return trip to New Haven. Her excitement
was so great as to attract the attention of
the conductor and several passengers. She
no longer carried the package. She left
the car at George and College streets, and
boarded another car. She was traced in this
car to Fountain street and Alden avenue,
where all trace of her was lost. She was
described to the police as being rather tall,
neatly dressed in black and wearing a thick
veil over her face.

Thomas G. Bennett, president of the
Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and
Mayor Albee are unable to suggest any mo-
tive connecting the affairs of the company
with the outrage, and Mayor Albee's popu-
larity does not favor the theory that the
act was committed by a personal enemy.
The police and the officers of the company,
however, agree in the conclusion that it
was a deliberate attempt to destroy the
family of Mayor Albee, and that it would
have been successful had the bomb been
more carefully placed.

Mrs. Albee and her two daughters, Mal-
and Marian, have recovered from the shock.
The house is badly shattered. The bay
window was wrecked, the foundation driven
out of plumb and timbers and glass scat-
tered about the yard and the interior of
the house. Amos Dickerman's house, which
is fifty feet away, was also considerably
shaken by the concussion, and the glass
broken out of eight windows. If the bomb
had exploded under, instead of at the side
of the Albee house, it would have been en-
tirely destroyed, and the family killed.

Chief of Detectives Cowles reported to-
night that no trace had been found of the
man reported to have been seen by Mr.
Dickerman in the neighborhood at the time
of the explosion. Mr. Dickerman, who is
also connected with the Winchester works,
believes that the author of the explosion is
the same person who, six weeks ago, placed
three dynamite cartridges in the yard of
John Gardner, superintendent of the car-
riage department. Special details of police
have been assigned to guard the houses of
members of the Winchester corporation.



Mlle. Jane May.

She is the French actress whose character during her appearance at
Bridgeport, Conn., some time ago, was attacked from the pulpit by the
Rev. Dr. Pullman, of that city. She sued the clergyman for slander, but
agreed to withdraw the action if he would make a public retraction. He
has done this, and the plaintiff in an open letter accepts it.

REV. DR. PULLMAN RETRACTS HIS WORDS.

Mlle. Jane May's Character
Vindicated in a Signed
Public Statement.

Serious Illness and Other Afflic-
tions in His Family Lead
Him to This Act.

Intended His Remarks as Impersonal,
Was Deceived by a Newspaper
Criticism and Regrets It All.

ACTRESS ACCEPTS AND FORGIVES.

She Expresses the Wish That the Course
She Has Pursued May Deter
Others from Making
Similar Attacks.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 24.—The slander
suit by Mlle. Jane May, the famous French
actress, against the Rev. Joseph Pullman,
of this city for heavy damages has pre-
viously been brought to an end by a public
retraction by Dr. Pullman on account of
the recent afflictions that have befallen the
doctor's household—a severe illness of his
wife, an almost fatal sickness of his son-in-
law and the death of his daughter, a
charming girl of seventeen. Mlle. Jane
May, when an offer of retraction was ten-
dered by the doctor's attorneys to Judge
Lynch, the attorney for the plaintiff, de-
termined to extend to him the charity
which he had not for her, and suffer in sor-
row the agony which his words has caused
her, and to teach him a lesson of the Gos-
pel which it would be reasonable to sup-
pose he was more acquainted with than
she.

Her conduct during the pendency of this
action, and especially at the time of her
deposition held before Judge Carroll, and
the silence with which she bore the burden
cast upon her by his words, had been in
marked contrast with the actions dis-
played by the minister. In only one of the

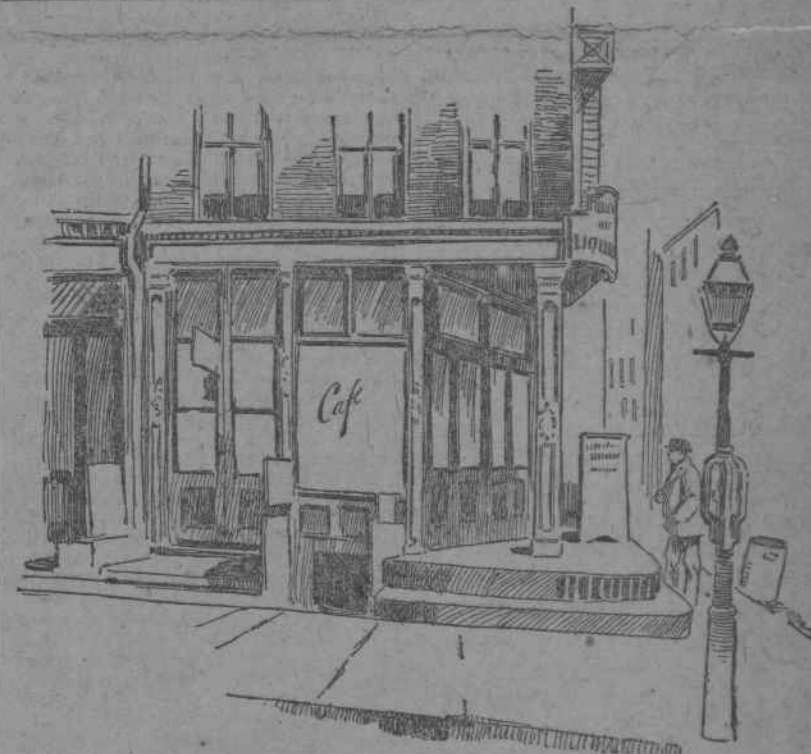
local papers, and not very conspicuously
displayed, Dr. Pullman has addressed the
following open letter to Miss May:

REMARKS WERE IMPERSONAL.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 24.
Up to this time I have prepared no state-
ment for the public in the matter of the
Jane May case, but now I deem it due to all
concerned to make a brief announcement of
the facts, and of my relation to the case.

My idea of the performance of Mlle. May
was based entirely upon a criticism report-
ing to have been taken from the New York
Sun, which appeared with comments in one
of our morning papers, in advance of said per-
formance, and from the cuts and illustrations
appearing upon the billboards throughout this
city; and I concluded that any one taking

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Where Einsfeld Would Open a Saloon.

The picture is of a vacant store at No. 60 Beekman street, corner of Gold.
Fred G. Einsfeld applied to the Excise Board on March 23 for a year's li-
cense for the place, but as the Raines law extinguishes the Board April 30,
the license was refused. Einsfeld asked the Supreme Court to compel the
Board to grant his petition, claiming the Raines law to be unconstitutional.
The Court refused, and yesterday the Appellate branch of the
Court held that the grounds of the refusal were well taken.



EDWARD PATTERSON. GEORGE C. BARRETT. CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT. WILLIAM RUMSEY. PARDON C. WILLIAMS.

JUSTICE PATTERSON READING THE DECISION UPHOLDING THE RAINES EXCISE LAW.

All the Justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court concurred in an opinion handed down yesterday which holds that the Raines law is constitutional as
to all of its provisions. An appeal will be taken to the Court of Appeals, and an effort will be made to get a decision before April 30, the date fixed by the law for the
extinction of all Excise Boards.